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SUBJECT: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: MOGWE CONFIRMS THE FRONT LINE
PREDISPOSITION

1. FRANK WISNER SAW BOTSWANAN FOREIGN MINISTER, ARCHIE MOGWE, THIS AFTERNOON. MOGWE TOLD HIM THAT THE OBSERVERS, LED BY CHONA, WERE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MOGWE, WERE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR PRESIDENTS TO PRESS FOR AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT WHICH REPRESENTS A TOTAL TRANSFER OF POWER AND NOTHING MORE THAN A SYMBOLIC WHITE RHODESIAN PRESENCE.

2. MOGWE ADDED THAT HE IS NOW THE ONLY OBSERVER WHO HAS FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONS. HIS READ "DO ANYTHING NECESSARY TO GET A SETTLEMENT FOR ZIMBABWE." MOGWE FINGERED CHONA AS THE SPOKESMAN OF THE OBSERVERS BUT SAID THAT EVEN CHONA COULD NOT CHANGE HIS POSITION SIGNIFICANTLY WITHOUT NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PRESIDENTS.

3. WHILE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S POSITION CONTAINS SOME FLEXIBILITY, MOGWE FELT THAT NO SIGNIFICANT SHARING OF POWER WAS PLANNED. IF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS TO TAKE A DIFFERENT APPROACH IN GENEVA, THE PRESIDENTS WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE THEIR POSITION,

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COORDINATE THEIR POLICY, AND GIVE THEIR OBSERVERS NEW

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